

Long-Term Care Advisory Commission

January 22, 2007

Capitol View Building, Conference Rooms A, B & C

1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE: Marsha Moers, Christine Chesny (by phone), Linda Ewing, Andrew Farmer, James Francis-Bohr, William Gutos, Dohn Hoyle, Sandra Kilde, William Mania, Yolanda McKinney, Jon Reardon, Wendall Stone, Hollis Turnham, Toni Wilson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: RoAnne Chaney, Reverend Charles Williams II

EX OFFICIO AND OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mary Ablan, Vickie Enright, Sharon Gire, Michael Head, Don Mussen/Cynthia Farrell, Sarah Slocum

HANDOUTS: Agenda, Minutes from November Meeting, Executive Committee Record of Discussion from December, Retreat Planning Survey, Public Act No. 674 of 2006, Public Act No. 634 of 2006, Department of Labor and Economic Development Summary of Services (2 documents), Draft Progress Reports for the Nine Long-Term Care Task Force Recommendations

CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS- The meeting was called to order at 1:20pm by the Chair. Members of the Commission, Ex Officio representatives, and the public introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - The tentative agenda was presented. Motion to approve agenda by Farmer, second by Reardon. Amended agenda approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion to approve by Turnham, second by Farmer. No changes. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT - Reardon summarized discussion from the Executive Committee conference call on December 4th. The Executive Committee meets on a monthly basis. Notes from the meetings will be provided to the larger Commission for information purposes.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of February Retreat Design - Maureen Sheahan, Turnham, and Chaney met to discuss the retreat design. Peggy Brey was also consulted. Sheahan distributed and explained a survey she will use to design the retreat. She requested a response by the end of this week (January 26). Responses may be sent to her at

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Southfield, Michigan 48033

Sheahan will also schedule a meeting with Office of Long-Term Care Supports and Services staff to discuss their relationship to the Commission.

It is anticipated that a brief LTC Advisory Commission meeting will be held in the morning of February 26, prior to the retreat actually starting. There will be budget issues to address. The public will be invited to provide comment, prior to the retreat.

Progress Reports will be used to prioritize activities. Draft Progress Reports were sent to Tichnell for distribution to the Commission. It was noted that all nine recommendations are intertwined and should be reviewed in this context.

These draft reports will be used to assist in completing the required report to the Department Director. Additional consultation with the Advisory Commission may be necessary. This report will only be on the progress made, not on the “next steps.”

The Commission discussed Task Force Recommendation # 7. Slocum provided a brief background regarding the creation of this recommendation. Following is a summary of the subsequent discussion:

- Use of outside agencies and their progress on the recommendation - the Advisory Commission is charged with determining the progress of the State. However, outside efforts should not be ignored, but inventoried for future reference and applicability to policy changes.
- Benchmark #1 - Solicit input from other agencies who do consumer satisfaction surveys. The Commission will determine the validity and credibility. Use MI Interview as a survey tool to be used by nursing homes, that way all nursing homes would be using the same instrument. Use the Civil Monetary Funds to pay for the survey. Use external agencies' tools to help propose next steps. Next steps - include activities of outside agencies that are funded by the State of Michigan.
- Benchmark #2 - There was discussion regarding the intent of this benchmark - external advocate vs. consumer advocacy. Existing advocacy groups are part of the advocacy component.
- Benchmark #3 - Work with the nursing homes on quality improvements and advancing excellence. Use quality indicators from CMS. These are more clinical measures (e.g., licensure) than consumer-oriented measures.
- Benchmark #4 - Redesign those tools used for benchmark #3.
- Benchmark #5 - The impact of the proposed LTC Continuum bill on quality is unknown. This bill needs to be reviewed by the Commission and sketch “doable” steps. Does the bill meet any of the Task Force recommendations? We need to retain existing regulatory language, however, it should be secondary to consumer satisfaction. The Commission needs to decide their role in quality issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Department of Labor and Economic Growth Summary of Long-Term Care Programs -

Enright provided a summary of the long-term care programs as they relate to employment for the elderly and persons with disabilities, as employers and employees. (This presentation related to two documents that the Commission previously received.) Gary Heidel also provided a brief summary of policies regarding housing options. A brochure regarding housing options for the elderly was distributed. Discussion regarding congregate vs individual housing options followed. It was noted that the Michigan State Housing Development Authority is working with the Department of Community Health on nursing facility transition and diversion issues. The Continuing Care Retirement Community concept is still being developed. Hoyle stated that the MSHDA five-year plan did include a workgroup on supportive housing, however; the MSDHA definition of supportive housing is not the same as special needs housing. Special needs housing is not included in the five-year plan. Heidel did note that there is a misconception among builders/designers that accessibility is more expensive.

Public Act 634 - Single Point of Entry - This act was recently signed by the Governor. The Office is reviewing for implications (e.g., some items have not been defined by the act). It was noted that the Act does include separation of the single point of entry from the provider/subcontractor of services. The Office is working on the concept of the mandatory level-of-care determinations by the single point of entries.

Office of Long-Term Care Supports and Services Update - It was suggested that this item be included as a standard agenda item.

- **Systems Transformation Grant Strategic Plan** - Head provided a brief summary of the grant and its three goals: single point of entry, person-centered planning, and flexible funding. The Office hosted a kickoff event for the development of the Strategic Plan. Those members of the three work groups were invited to attend the kickoff meeting, followed by breakout sessions for each group in the afternoon. Seven Commission members are included in the Strategic Planning workgroups. Three additional workgroup meeting are planned with culminating with a Strategic Planning Summit in March to present the logic model. This will be held at the Sheraton in Lansing. More information on this Summit will be provided.
- **Own Your Own Future Governor's Campaign** - The Governor presented this campaign at a recent press conference. Michigan is one of five state chosen to pilot this federal initiative. More information is available at the following web site: <http://www.aoa.dhhs.gov> . Commissioners and the public was encouraged to visit this site to request further information.
- **Public Act 674** - LTC Partnerships - this act was recently signed by the Governor. It is a partnership between the insurance companies and the State. An article explaining this partnership was included with the copy of the act. A State Plan amendment is required by next September. The Office has the lead on this issue.
- **Annual Progress Report** - As mentioned previously, the Office is required to submit an annual report on the progress of the LTC Task Force recommendations to the Director of the Department. The Office will use the information on the Commission's Progress Reports to assist in completion of this report.
- **Deficit Reduction Act/Money Follows the Person Grant** - Michigan did receive an award for this grant. It is for \$67M over a period of five years. It provides for enhanced federal match for nursing facility transition services. It expands MIChoice only marginally. A planning process is required by CMS for this grant. Michigan is one of 17 states to receive this grant. It also requires a full time, state employed Project Director. This grant will not change the existing payment methodology for the MIChoice waiver. This may be accomplished through the MIChoice renewal process.
- **MIChoice Waiver Renewal** - The process for drafting this renewal is still being developed. This will include the methodology for including stakeholders in the process. It is anticipated there will be bi-weekly meetings (every other Friday). Head will notify the Commission of the dates and times for these meetings. The renewal must be finalized by June. Most of the person-centered planning processes and quality assurance items have already been completed with the approval of the last amendment.

PUBLIC COMMENT - There was no public comment.

Commissioner Comments

- Head and the Office staff were recognized for the success of the Systems Transformation Grant Strategic Planning kickoff event.
- Is there any information on the retreat regarding accommodations?
- The discussion of Progress Report #7 was very helpful and was a good discussion.
- This was a good session and we are learning a great deal.
- A brochure was distributed regarding caregivers.
- Some Commissioners expressed their frustration with completing the progress reports. More research is going to be required.
- The Executive Budget is to be released February 8.
- The importance of consumer input and satisfaction and some of the Commissioners understanding of this concept was expressed.
- If long-term care is restructured correctly, it will cost more money. This group, as an advisory commission, must support initiatives for these needed changes.
- The Commission was encouraged to complete the retreat survey.
- One big issue the State has to contend with is how to replace the single business tax.
- It was an interesting day. The Commission must prioritize its charges. The need and method to respond to public testimony will be addressed at the retreat.

Adjournment - Farmer motioned for adjournment, second by Reardon. Motion passed by voice vote.

Next meetings:

February 26, 2007 - Holiday Inn West (Retreat)

March 26, 2007, 1:00pm - 4:30pm, Capitol View, Conference Rooms A-C

MOTION	FIRST	SECOND	ACTION
Approval of Agenda	Farmer	Reardon	Passed
Approval of Minutes	Turnham	Farmer	Passed
Adjournment	Farmer	Reardon	Passed